

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A resonator comprising:
a substrate; and
a conductor layer ~~defined~~ located on the substrate, ~~wherein~~ the conductor layer is ~~provided with~~ having first and second conductor openings in communication ~~communicating~~ with each other via a first slit, and third and fourth conductor openings in communication ~~communicating~~ with each other via a second slit, and the first slit and the second slit ~~intersect~~ intersecting each other.
2. (Currently amended) The resonator according to Claim 1, further comprising:
a capacitance-forming conductor layer ~~that is brought into proximity~~ adjacent to the conductor layer, and ~~with~~ an insulating layer therebetween ~~in a thickness direction of the insulating layer~~, wherein the capacitance-forming conductor layer overlaps ~~is placed at a position facing~~ four sections of the conductor layer ~~that is sectioned~~ defined by the intersecting first and second slits.
3. (Currently amended) The resonator according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein a magnetic field or an electric field of two resonant modes in which a magnetic field vector enters or exits the first through fourth conductor openings is unbalanced ~~to resolve the degeneracy of the two resonant modes~~.
4. (Currently amended) The resonator according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 through 3~~, wherein at least one of the first through fourth conductor openings comprises a resonant element including at least one ~~or a plurality of~~ ring-shaped resonance unit ~~units~~, each resonance unit having at least one conductor line, ~~being~~

~~defined by one or a plurality of conductor lines and having a capacitive area and an inductive area, wherein an end of the conductor line is brought into adjacency with the other end of the conductor line or an end of another conductor line included in the same resonance unit in a width direction or a thickness direction to form the capacitive area.~~

5. (Currently amended) A filter comprising: ~~the~~
a resonator according to Claim 1; any one of Claims 1 through 4, and
signal input/output means coupled to the resonator.

6. (Currently amended) A nonreciprocal circuit device comprising: ~~the~~
a resonator according to Claim 1; any one of Claims 1 through 4, and
a magnet that applies a direct-current magnetic field to a ferrite member, the
ferrite member being ~~defined~~ disposed in a region surrounded by the first through
fourth conductor openings.

7. (Currently amended) The nonreciprocal circuit device according to Claim
6, wherein the first slit and the second slit intersect at substantially a right angle.

8. (Currently amended) A communication apparatus comprising ~~at least one~~
~~of the~~ a resonator according to Claim 1 any one of Claims 1 through 4, the filter
~~according to Claim 5, and the nonreciprocal circuit device according to Claim 6 or 7.~~

9. (New) The resonator according to Claim 4, wherein an end of the
conductor line is arranged adjacent to the other end of the conductor line to form the
capacitive area.

10. (New) The resonator according to Claim 4, wherein an end of the conductor line is arranged adjacent to an end of another conductor line included in the same resonance unit in a width direction or a thickness direction to form the capacitive area.

11. (New) A communication apparatus comprising a filter according to Claim 5.

12. (New) A communication apparatus comprising a nonreciprocal circuit device according to Claim 6.